under the free list and unlimited amount could have been imported at zero duty. After prolonged negotiations, Government has now formalized Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) with Sri Lanka, under which 2,50,000 MT of vanaspati including bakery shortening and margarine will be imported from Sri Lanka per year. This TRQ will be monitored by Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) as per the provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP). TRQ will also be distributed equally amongst four quarters to ensure a steady supply of vanaspati, bakery shortening and margarine. To ensure quality control of vanaspati, it has been mandated that all imports of vanaspati will have to adhere to the requirements of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act.

(b) Does not arise.

SEZs in West Bengal

3676. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government has put on hold all the SEZ projects which have been sanctioned; and

(b) if so, how many SEZs have been sanctioned for West Bengal and the objections raised in respect of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Seven formal approvals and 14 in-principle approvals have been granted for setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in West Bengal.

Pace of industrial production

†3677. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industries registered an average growth of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

seven per cent during the last two decades and their contribution to GDP has been 17 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons for not increasing the pace of industrial production; and

(c) the action Government are taking to increase the industrial production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) The GDP emanating from industry recorded an average growth of 6.9% during last two decades (1987-88 to 2006-07). The share of industrial GDP to total GDP was 26.1% in 1987-88 and 26.4% in 2006-07. The GDP emanating from industry has recorded a steady growth of 2.7% in 2001-02, 7.1% in 2002-03, 7.4% in 2003-04, 9.8% in 2004-05, 9.6% in 2005-06 and is estimated to grow at 10.0% in 2006-07.

(c) Government has put in place various policies to promote industrial growth, which includes, *inter-alia*, delicensing of industrial capacity, liberalization of foreign trade regime to provide better access to inputs at competitive prices, rationalization and reduction in duty rates of customs and central excise, better infrastructure support, and liberal FDI regime, etc.

Ban on export of pulses

3678. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had imposed ban on the export of pulses on the 22nd June, 2006 but their export continued in subsequent months also;

(b) if so, the details of such export made after 22nd June, 2006; and

(c) the action Government had taken against each exporter for violation of ban in this regard?